Primary 6 Newsletter, Term 2

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you've had a restful October break.

Gym Days

Swimming lessons are coming to an end, but pupils will now have the opportunity to take part in weekly dance lessons on Tuesdays for the rest of the term. Our other PE day remains Thursday. Please ensure your child wears suitable clothing and footwear on both days. Please also leave earrings at home on PE days, as they could get caught and cause an injury.

Literacy

This term, we will continue developing our reading skills through Active Literacy. Pupils are still reading our class novel, 'Varjak Paw', and I hope to broaden the range of books we study. We will pay particular attention to inference and metalinguistics, while continuing to develop the other reading strategies: prior knowledge, visualisation, summarising and identifying main ideas. In writing, we have already begun our block on explanation texts and will move on to poetry towards the end of the term.

Numeracy

Pupils continue to cover a wide range of numeracy topics throughout the year rather than focusing on just a few each term. In number work, we will continue to develop strategies for the four operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division), including working with decimals. We will also focus on fractions, particularly finding equivalent fractions using pictures and our knowledge of multiplication and division. Pupils will explore time, including links to fractions, reading analogue and digital clocks, and converting between units of time.

Any support with time at home would be greatly appreciated. For example, you could look at the time on both analogue and digital clocks throughout the day.

Interdisciplinary Learning (IDL)

Our topics this term will be 'Coding' and 'Peace in Religions'. In Coding, we hope to create a simple game using Scratch. In Peace in Religions, we will explore what different religions teach about peace and harmony.

Health and Wellbeing

This term, pupils will learn about food hygiene and healthy eating. We will compare food labels, explore healthy food choices and learn how to keep kitchens safe and hygienic.

IMPORTANT – We have a child in school with a severe nut allergy. Nuts are not allowed in school under any circumstances. Please double-check snacks and lunches for traces of nuts.

Music

This term, P6 pupils will take part in one of two music groups: learning to play the guitar or creating music using a variety of instruments. By the time you read this, pupils will have chosen their preferred group, and sessions will begin on Wednesday 28th October.

There will also be an optional choir for children to join on Wednesdays.

Christmas

Term 2 is always very busy. Our annual upper-school Christmas concert will take place on 8th December, and I hope to see you there.

P6 will also have their Christmas party during the school day on 8th December. Children are encouraged to wear their party clothes to school!

As always, your support is greatly appreciated, and I look forward to the term ahead.

Sincerely,

Mr Jones

Class Teacher